

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**JULY 22, 2011, 1: 00 PM**

**My name is Jim Riemer and I reside at #30 Illmo Drive, Springfield, Illinois.**

**I served as the Executive Director of the Capital Development Board until my retirement on December 31, 2010.**

**I am here today to provide you with information which will hopefully clarify what my role has been with Juneau Associates, Inc. PC. However, before I do that I want to share some information with you about me personally and my history.**

**I attended Illinois State University prior to enlisting in the United States Army in 1968. Shortly after joining the Army I served in Vietnam as a Combat Infantryman with the Fifth Infantry Division.**

**I was wounded on July 30, 1969 in a heavy fire fight at the DMZ and was awarded the "Purple Heart" for my actions. After I was wounded I was medevac'd to the USS Repose in the South China Sea for emergency surgery to remove shrapnel from my body. I developed a serious infection and was later transported to the intensive care unit at the United States Air Force Hospital in Tachikawa, Japan.**

**Seven other young men lost their lives the night I was wounded. They made the biggest sacrifice of all. They gave their life for their country.**

**I completed my military service in December of 1970. Upon returning to civilian life I worked as a Journeyman Ironworker while attending night school to obtain my college degree. I earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Labor Studies from the University of Illinois, Springfield.**

**I coached Little League Baseball and girls Softball for many years. I am a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. I served on the Executive Board and the Ironworkers Apprenticeship Committee for Ironworkers Local #46. I belong to several veterans' organizations and I served as past State Commander for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.**

**I began my employment with the Capital Development Board in 1987 as a Project Manager I. I worked my way up the ladder for twenty-two plus years before being appointed Executive Director. I did not see myself as a political appointee, but rather the most qualified person for the job.**

I set standards for my employees and I instituted checks and balances to ensure a fair and above board selection process. I also removed myself from the selection process in order to give the committee members more latitude and the ability to speak freely without any influence or undo pressure from the guy on the top.

I appointed Don Broughton as the administrator of QBS and he also served as chairman of the A/E selection committee. I chose Don because I have the utmost respect for him and I felt that he would be an asset to the committee and would bring more accountability to the selection process.

Don will tell you that I never asked him to do anything unethical. In fact, he will tell you that I asked him to make sure that everything was above board. He will also tell you that I never mentioned Juneau before I retired or after I retired. In fact, any member of the selection committee and/or other CDB staff can tell you that I never spoke to them about Juneau.

My involvement with Juneau had absolutely nothing to do with CDB.

I offered this information because I think it is important to note that I have spent my entire life behaving in a creditable and respectable manner. I never performed any job in any manner that was less than professional or did not fall within the highest level of ethical standards. I am not about to change who I am and what I have always stood for at this juncture in my life. I worked for some forty-two years to build my reputation as a fair and honest professional.

With respect to my involvement with Juneau Associates, Inc. PC, I entered into an agreement through JAR Consulting with Juneau to lobby for passage of HB 3433; subsequently changed to SB 1270. SB 1270 created a set aside for Veteran owned small businesses for all state contracts.

Initial discussions regarding the Veterans' initiative began in mid-March, 2011. During those discussions and in particular, in a conference call held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and considering the fact that I had never met or spoke with the representatives from Juneau, I specifically asked if they had performed any work through the CDB or had any contracts for the twelve months prior to my termination of employment on December 31, 2011. Juneau stated that they had not.

I am very cognizant of the fact that pursuant to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act I am prohibited by law from accepting employment or receiving compensation or fees from a person or entity who, within a period of one year immediately after my termination of State employment received a state contract or was issued a State Contract Order Change during the year immediately preceding my termination of State employment.

I am also aware of the fact that the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act further prohibits me from accepting employment or receiving compensation or fees from a person or entity for services which could be construed as related to my previous position as Executive Director of the CDB and/or the authority and decision making responsibilities thereto. (Note: This verbiage is not intended to quote the Act verbatim, but is merely to state that I am aware of the Act and I in no way have violated the Act.)

I never talked to Juneau or anyone else at CDB about procurement or anything pertaining to CDB or Juneau Associates, nor was I even aware that they had applied for or received a contract with CDB. I personally think the Ethics Act may not be a bad thing if it is applied correctly and is not applied based on speculation and innuendos.

Bill Baudendistel and Charlie Juneau; Juneau Associates, are highly creditable and respectable individuals. I urge you not to penalize them for sharing in my passion to help to advance opportunities for the veterans' of this country.

I think it is equally important to state that I hold a high regard for CDB and its' staff. I would never put the staff in a position which could compromise their ethics and/or professional standards.

I hope this information clears up any confusion and serves to set the record straight.

I also must close in stating that I will not allow anyone to erroneously persecute me or to wrongfully defame my character.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to have input in this process.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I declare affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and Illinois that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 07/20/11

State of Illinois

County of Sangamon

On this, the 20<sup>th</sup>. day of July, 2011, before me a notary public, the undersigned, personally appeared James A. Riemer, Sr., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal.

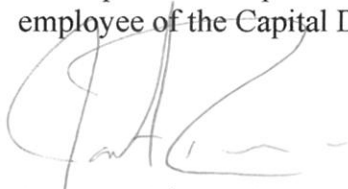
Notary Public

*Jill Hanney*



To whom it may concern,

I have not discussed any procurement items regarding Juneau and Associates relating to the Capital Development Board with any employee of Juneau and Associates or any employee of the Capital Development Board.



James A. Riemer Jr.  
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